

ELL Network 2013-14

Agenda & Notes

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The ELL Network is a forum for southeast Nebraska district personnel to discuss issues related to the education of English Language Learners. These sessions are the primary means of sharing information throughout the ESU 6 Title III Consortium; however, a majority of our time is devoted to studying effective instruction, sharing and exploring resources, learning of updates from NDE, and networking with colleagues. We welcome all districts and personnel interested in English Language Learners, regardless of Title III affiliation or position.

December 13, 2013

9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Firespring, Lincoln, NE

Attendees

Please add your name and district to the list!

- Jen Madison, ESU 4
- Nick Ziegler, ESU 5
- Julia Odgers, Norris #160
- Brenda Beachler, Fairbury
- John Mlinar, Lakeview Community Schools (ESU 7)
- Jeremy Christiansen, Fairbury
- MaryAnn Johnson, Fairbury
- Tish Evenson, Fairbury
- Delanie McMillan, Waverly
- Michelle Dutton, Lewiston
- Melissa Kasuske, Waverly
- Ann Fuchs, Lakeview
- Ashleigh Lange, Nebraska City Public Schools
- Sarah Burr, Syracuse
- Marta Calhoun, Nebraska City Public Schools
- Jason Hippen, Nebraska City
- Jenny Piening, Malcolm
- Connie Biaggio, Seward

- Ruth Merrett, Norris
- Salome Ausin-Dodge, Beatrice
- Michelle Henske, Fairbury

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- **Welcome, Agenda Overview, Introductions**
 - This Google doc agenda will also serve as our collaborative note taking space. Please help record ideas, information, and questions in a professional manner. After the meeting, Jen will finalize this document with our notes, and post it at <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/ELL+Network>.
 - Please, introduce yourself...(name, school, position, and a success or question)
- **Strategy Study**
 - Language Objectives
 - Colorin Colorado: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/49646/>
 - Please consider the most significant implications for our work as you read.
 - Not necessary to have language objectives for EVERY learning objective
 - Focus on the ESSENTIAL
 - 1-3 Language Objectives
 - Writing Objectives
 - SMART Objectives
 - Specific
 - Measurable
 - Attainable
 - Reasonable
 - Time-bound
 - Applying the “Student Friendly” language objectives
 - Self-Assessment
 - “Students will complete the steps in the process.”
 - I can record ideas in a graphic organizer ...
 - Recording student conversations/progress
 - Permission for teachers to modify and differentiate
 - Applicable to gen ed classroom teacher as well
 - Lesson Objective AND Language Objective
 - Have objectives AND Post them AND explain their purpose
 - The need for Measurable objectives
 - This is Best Practices for ALL students
 - Investigating Objectives
 - Task Analysis - - to create the language objectives
 - Language Objectives -> Academic Languages = Best Practices
 - Consider the knowledge/skills of our SLPs

- Nebraska ELL
Guidelines: http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/Limited_English_Guidelines.html
- On-Demand Resource Study (If you find a topic not applicable, please peruse the resources and share your findings!)
 - Brainstorm Topic
 - Develop a Research Question
 - Conduct Preliminary Investigation
 - <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/Resources>
 - If you find useful sources other than those listed on <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/Resources>, please add the link here!
 - Share your findings
- ELL Tech Tools (Nick Ziegler)
 - Gamification with www.zondle.com
 - free, computer or iPad
 - create or use existing content with many game options
 - Apps
 - EF High Flyers - free *can also use for HS age
 - Phrasal verb machine - free
 - Free Books - free by Digital Press Publishing
 - Reading Comprehension - Abitalk Incorporated (<http://www.abitalk.com/>)
 - Aesop's Quest
 - Monster Town
 - Mini Adventures - Lets go and learn the alphabet - free--personal dictionary *
 - Buggy Kindergarten - free
 - [Story builder](#) 7.99
 - High School Bites .99
 - Resources
 - <https://sites.google.com/a/esu5.org/technology-integration/home>
 - Cybraryman.com/ell.html
 - <http://appcrawlr.com/>
 - http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/Limited_English_Guidelines.html
 - smartappsforkids.com
 - Programs
 - Imagine Learning
 - Reading Mastery
 - Rosetta Stone
 - DuoLingo
- NDE Updates, Q & A
 - ELP Standards Update (download draft from <http://esu6ell.wikispaces.com/ELL+Network>)
 - NDE ELDA Information: <http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/ELDA.html>
 - NeSA
Resources: http://www.education.ne.gov/NATLORIGIN/State_Resources.html

- [Guide for Including & Accommodating English Language Learners in the NeSA Tests 2013-14](#)
- Approved Accommodations Document:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/index.html>

- **Network & Discussion Items**

- Add your discussion topics to this list. Please include your name.
- Spring ELL Network: April 30 (tentative)
 - Jen will set up the spring meeting. Most likely, it will be in the Nebraska City area on April 30.
 - We will likely include Ignite Sessions, for which participants are asked to share a strategy/tool for about 5 minutes.
- Jen would like your ideas for summer PD options.
- MAPS Accommodations - Use the accommodations allowed by NWEA MAPS. These seem to be similar to those approved by NDE for NeSA.
- Other resources for consideration:
 - Please review elachieve.org. Is this something we want to consider for our consortium?
 - Career Ready Practices Standards: <http://www.education.ne.gov/NCE/>
 - What Works Clearinghouse (ELL): <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/Topic.aspx?sid=6>
- Independent Reading Resources
 - iPad: "Free Books" = free books in the public domain

- **Title III Consortium Updates**

- Grant Management: ESU 6 remains the fiscal agent of this grant, and Jen Madison remains the ESU 6 Title III LEP Consortium Coordinator. Jen's office, however, is now at ESU 4 in Auburn. Please continue to contact Jen with your Title III LEP and ELL related questions and needs!
- 2012-13 ESU 6 Title III Consortium AMAO Status: **MET**
- Online IPT
 - regional purchase in the works; ready fall 2014
 - proposing ESUs fund initial cost (about \$450 per ESU 4, 5, and 6)
 - schools pay about \$15-20 per IPT (on-demand) to cover expenses and replacement costs
- Budget Update
 - used all of 2011-12 carryover; anticipate approximately \$20,000 in 2012-13 carryover
 - For the 2013-14 grant year (ending 9/30/14) our group includes [15 districts](#) from southeast Nebraska. The ELL population in each of these districts ranges from 1 student to approximately 44 students, which means the individual district allocations range from \$111 to just under \$5000. However, member districts should be more concerned with our overall budget of **\$23,768** plus significant carryover from 2012-13. We use some of these funds to provide consortium-wide professional development and resources. When you have a local expense that is allowable under federal regulations, you should request reimbursement for the expense regardless of your district's specific allotment. Please contact Jen if you have questions about those federal regulations for a specific project or resource.
- [Reimbursement Forms](#) (active link)

- Request for Reimbursement--District (Use when the district incurs the expense, e.g., substitute pay).
 - Request for Reimbursement--Individual (Use when an individual incurs the expense, e.g., mileage with a personal vehicle.)
 - Resources
 - 2 available iPod Touch devices
 - *Language for Learning*, 2009, Workbooks A & B
 - wide variety of resources and books (contact Jen)
 - **Next Session Topics:**
 - Rule 15 Update: [Checklist \(Word\)](#): Sections 3 & 6
 - *We didn't get to this; however, Jen plan to review a section of the checklist at each session beginning this spring.*
 - **1:00 Close & Adjourn**
 - Please complete the Participants' Survey for today!
 - **Program Review Guidance (optional, 1:15-3:00 pm)**
 - Jen lead participants who wished to stay through a portion of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Program Review.
 - Rule 15 support document: "A Guide for Implementation-Appendix B: Tools and Templates" from http://www.education.ne.gov/natlorigin/Rule_15.html.
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